

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/826,464. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. The withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under § 102 as being anticipated by Oksala (U.S. Patent 6,477,151). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The pending claims specify a method and apparatus for effectuating timing adjustments employing a Connect Frame Number (CFN). For example, claim 1 specifies:

receiving communication data from a BS within system time frames including a TA signal which include TA data **and a Connect Frame Number (CFN) specifying a specific frame for effectuating a timing adjustment;** and

adjusting the timing of uplink transmissions of the MT in response to TA data in the received TA signal **commencing in the time frame specified in the CFN of the received TA signal.**
(emphasis added)

Oksala '151 is distinguishable since Oksala '151 only identifies a slot number within the frame structure in which a TAV (timing advance value) is to be transmitted. The Oksala TAV is equivalent to the TA data specified by the pending claims. Oksala '151 does not disclose or suggest transmitting a Connect Frame

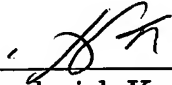
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Number (CFN) with the TAV so that the timing adjustment is then implemented in a specific frame, i.e. the frame specified by the CFN. In Oksala '151, there is no communication between the stations as to when a timing advance is implemented; there is only communication as to where in a frame structure TAVs are to be sent. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 2 over Oksala '151 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the submission of an appropriate terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-2, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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